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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor: Ronald P. Sansone  
For: **SYSTEM FOR ACCEPTING NON-HARMING MAIL AT A RECEPTACLE**

Enclosed are:

- 27 pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.
- 8 sheets of drawing.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- An Information Disclosure Statement with attachments.
- A Recordation of Assignment Request with attached copy of executed Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700.
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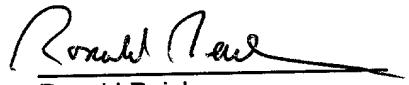
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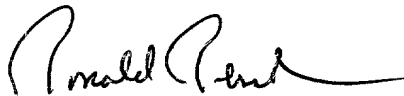
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